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Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and good morning.

Dr. Ehlers is sorry he can not be here to greet these esteemed witnesses and hear their testimony, but he is giving his own testimony before another Committee this morning and can not be here. Hopefully, we will have the benefit of his presence shortly, but in the meantime, I ask unanimous consent that his opening statement be inserted for the record.

The issue of international science and technology cooperation is one of importance to this nation. This Committee spends a significant amount of time talking about American science and technology developments and improvements in terms of global competitiveness. That is as it should be and is necessary if we are to remain ahead of the innovation curve.

We do not spend as much time talking or hearing about global cooperation and collaboration when it comes to science and technology, but we are actively involved in these equally important endeavors, and I commend the Chairman for his interest in this topic and for calling this hearing today.

I am pleased to see that we have such a distinguished panel before us this morning to give us an update on what their agencies are doing and any challenges or obstacles they may be facing when it comes to international cooperation. I thank you for coming; I look forward to your testimony; and I yield back the balance of my time.